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SUBJECT:DIVIDED FAMILIES

1. IN VIEW OF INTEREST RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY HIGH-LEVEL GOH OFFICIALS IN EMIGRATION MATTERS, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS FOR RESOLUTION OF THE SEVEN PENDING DIVIDED FAMILY CASES (INVOLVING 13 INDIVIDUALS) WHICH WE CURRENTLY HAVE PENDING WITH HUNGARY.

2. DURING GERTH'S DECEMBER 6 CALL, CONSULAR DEPARTMENT SEEMED UNAWARE OF LATEST BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF MFN, EVEN THOUGH EGYED RAISED MFN AS A PROBLEM IN OUR RELATIONS. WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY ACQUAINT SENIOR MFA CONSULAROFFICIALS WITH THESE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AS PART OF OVERALL EFFORT ON DIVIDED FAMILIES. AS NECESSARY, EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO NOTE AT POLITICAL LEVELS OUR INTEREST IN RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING CASES.

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